

## R E M A R K S

Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10, 17 and 18 have been rejected.

Claims 4-6, 9, 11-14, and 16 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The claims have been amended in the manner outlined below, which is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 15, 17, and 18 have been canceled.

Claims 9 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, it is believed that these claims should now be considered allowable.

Claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10 and 11 have been amended to depend on allowable claim 9. Accordingly, it is believed that these claims should now be considered allowable.

In view of the above amendments, Applicant believes that the application has been placed in condition for allowance. Early favorable reconsideration and action to this end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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